REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain in the application.

Claim 9 is withdrawn from the application.

The Examiner has requested an election of species under 35 U.S.C. 121. In view of the election/restriction set forth by the Examiner, claim 9 is herein withdrawn. Moreover, the Applicants hereby elect the species illustrated by Figures 1-8 for prosecution of the present application. Currently, claims 1-8 read on the species illustrated by Figures 1-8.

Favourable consideration on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited.

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